

REMARKS

Claim Objections

The specification has been amended without adding new matter. The subject matter added to paragraph [00134] is supported in the application by, for example, Fig. 31 showing circular and rectangular holes.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates Examiner's consideration and indication that Claims 1-20 and 22-25 are allowed.

Applicant has also added one new claim 26 which is a method claim and has subject matter in common with allowed method claim 16 and allowed dependent claim 25.

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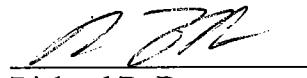
CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the amendments and remarks set forth above.

Also, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0359 of ArthroCare Corporation in order to effectuate this filing.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 408.735.6323.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures: 1) Replacement Drawing Sheets (clean copy).
2) Marked up Drawing Sheets indicating changes.